



# *Proclamation*

## *Presented to*

### **Robert Perkinson, Ph.D.**

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. was raised in Jackson Hole, Wyoming; received his B.A. in History from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1994 and his Ph.D. in American Studies from Yale University in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. interests to become a historian was kindled in his early years by student activism; he led student delegations in the 1980s and 1990s to El Salvador, Cuba and Angola; established a free HIV-testing program at the University of Colorado at Boulder; organized graduate student unionization at Yale University; and co-founded a criminal justice reform coalition in Connecticut; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. has written in both scholarly and popular forums on a broad range of political, social and cultural topics; Robert Perkinson's articles have addressed the rise and fall of convict leasing, the effects of supermax incarceration, American foreign policy since September 11, the legacy of the World Bank in Asia and Native American environmental activism; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. wrote a book, titled *Texas Tough: The Rise of American's Prison Empire* received the biennial PEN/John Kenneth Galbraith Award for a "distinguished book of general nonfiction possessing notable literary merit and critical perspective"; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. works as an Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa; Robert Perkinson has taught various American Studies courses at the University of Hawai'i at Manoa including: Crime and Punishment in American History, American Empire, America & the World, World War II in America and Hawai'i, the American West and Slavery and Unfree Labor; and

**WHEREAS**, Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. has served on the University of Hawai'i Professional Assembly, Board of the Faculty Union and is currently serving as Board Member on the Drug Policy Forum of Hawai'i;

**THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim October 1, 2011 as**

### **"ROBERT PERKINSON DAY"**

in Hawai'i and urge the people of the Aloha State to join us in recognizing Robert Perkinson, Ph.D. for his valuable contributions to higher education.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-seventh day of September, 2011.

  
**NEIL ABERCROMBIE**  
Governor, State of Hawai'i

  
**BRIAN SCHATZ**  
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i